Grooming

608.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to allow inmates to have freedom in personal grooming, except when a legitimate government interest justifies the development of grooming standards that are based upon orders of the court, inmate classification, work status, safety and security, or health and hygiene.

608.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this facility to allow inmates freedom in personal grooming, except when a valid government interest justifies that grooming standards be established. The Chief Deputy of Corrections or the authorized designee shall establish inmate grooming standards specific to inmate classification, work status, facility safety and security, or inmate health and hygiene. Any established standards should not unreasonably interfere with religious observances. Grooming standards should be identified in the inmate handbook.

608.3 HAIRCUTS

Inmates will be provided haircuts or hair-cutting tools subject to established facility rules. If hair length, style or condition presents a security or sanitation concern, haircuts may be mandatory. Inmates who significantly alter their appearance may be required to submit to additional booking photos.

Inmates shall not cut names, numbers or other designs into their hair.

608.3.1 HAIR CARE SERVICES

The Chief Deputy of Corrections or the authorized designee shall establish written procedures for inmate hair care services. The procedures will include schedules for hair care services and allow rescheduling for conflicts, such as court appearances.

Inmates shall generally be permitted to receive hair care services once per month after being in custody for at least 30 days. Staff may suspend access to hair care services if an inmate appears to be a danger to him/herself or others or to the safety and security of the facility.

Hair care is available and provided by a professional hair care provider. This service and a rotating schedule is outlined within the electronic inmate handbook. Special needs such as jury trials, media interviews etc, may be approved by the on duty supervisor and or by court order.

608.4 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

The staff assistant or designee shall conduct a security clearance and require proof of a valid current cosmetology license prior to approving the Hair Care professional to perform the services. Staff shall check photo identification, may conduct a pat search of the Hair Care Professional, and thoroughly search all equipment and supplies prior to entry. The Shift Supervisor may cancel the haircut appointment and refuse entry if the Hair Care Professional refuses to submit to a search or fails to provide proper identification.

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608.5 SHAVING

Inmates may shave 2 x per week. Facial hair shall be clean and well groomed. Long beards may allow inmates to conceal weapons or contraband. Inmates may be required to trim facial hair if it poses a security or safety risk. Inmates may be required to submit to new booking photographs if their appearance is significantly altered due to facial hair. Inmates with facial hair who work around food will be required to shave if they wish to participate in food services.

An inmate may be denied access to razors if he/she appears to be a danger to him/herself or others, or if such access may jeopardize the safety and security of the facility. All denied access to grooming will be documented with in the inmate management system.

Inmates may be restricted from significantly altering their appearance for reasons of identification in court.

608.6 NAILS

Nail clippers will be kept at the control station and will be issued to inmates upon request during scheduled supply distribution. Inmate workers are required to keep their nails clean and trimmed. Inmates with long nails may be required to trim their nails if there is a security concern and the inmate is admitted to general population.

608.7 SHOWERING

Inmates shall be permitted to shower upon assignment to a housing unit, at least every other day thereafter and more often if practicable.

608.8 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Inmates are expected to maintain their hygiene using approved personal care items. Personal care items, including toothbrushes, combs and soap, are available through the inmate commissary and by request at each housing unit.

Indigent inmates shall receive hygiene items necessary to maintain an appropriate level of personal hygiene.

No inmate will be denied the necessary personal care items. For sanitation and security reasons, personal care items shall not be shared.

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